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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SAYS PAKISTAN'S ATTITUDE TO  
INDIA BELLICOSE

1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE PRIME MINISTER GANDHI WHO SPENT SOME TIME ON MARCH 10 WITH THE INDIAN NAVY AT SEA TOLD REPORTERS AT THAT TIME THAT WITH THE ASSURANCE OF ARMS SUPPLY, PAKISTAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD INDIA HAD BECOME BELLICOSE. REPLYING TO QUESTIONS SHE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE QUANTITY OF ARMS WAS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS PAKISTAN'S HAVING AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS AGAINST INDIA. THE NEW DELHI EDITION OF THE STATESMAN QUOTES HER AS SAYING THAT IT WAS NOT THE TYPE OF ARMS THAT PAKISTAN ACQUIRED THAT MATTERED, "BUT EVERY TIME THEY BEGIN TO RECEIVE ARMS THEIR BELLICOSITY AND AGGRESSIVENESS INCREASES."

2. ASKED BY NEWSMEN ABOUT THE SUPPLY OF FIGHTER PLANES TO PAKISTAN BY IRAN THE PRIME MINISTER APPARENTLY REFUSED AT FIRST TO ANSWER DIRECTLY, BUT COMMENTED THAT IRAN HAD ASSURED INDIA THAT IRAN STOOD FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND  
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STABILITY IN THE SUB-CONTINENT. THE HINDUSTAN TIMES REPORTS

SHE ADDED, "AFTER ALL IRAN IS A FRIEND OF PAKISTAN AND THIS  
ARMS SUPPLY BY IRAN COULD BE A PART OF THEIR OVERALL GLOBAL  
STRATEGY."

3. IN OTHER REMARKS ON THE SAME OCCASION THE PRIME MINISTER  
REPORTEDLY TOLD SAILORS THAT SHE HAD FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE  
ABILITY OF THE INDIAN NAVY IN KEEPING INDIA'S SHORES FREE OF  
AGGRESSION. SHE SAID IT WAS INDIA'S DECLARED POLICY THAT THE  
INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE A ZONE OF PEACE, AND THAT THE COUNTRY  
WAS PREPARED TO RESIST ALL PRESSURES AGAINST THAT

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